FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.148**

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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

ANALYSTS: Harry Bell

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AUTHOR: Senator Campsen PRIMARY CODE CITE: 59-39-112

SUBJECT: Released Time Credit Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 148 would provide that a school district may award high school students elective Carnegie units for completion of released time credits in religious instruction. The released time classes would have to be evaluated on the basis of secular criteria.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Enactment of this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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